

House Bill 985

By: Representatives Buckner of the 130th, Stephens of the 164th, Gardner of the 57th, Mosby of the 90th, and Dodson of the 75th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to provide that the Board of Community Health or its contractor is required to contract with any physician, hospital, or health care provider that agrees to a fee schedule for health care services to employees of the state in a state health insurance plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

"45-18-20.

The board shall be required to enter into a contract with any physician, hospital, or other health care provider that agrees to a fee schedule as established by the board for health care services to employees of the state under a health insurance plan established pursuant to this article. In the event that the board contracts with a third party to administer health benefits under this article, the third party contractor shall be required to enter into a contract with any physician, hospital, or other health care provider that agrees to a fee schedule as established by the board for health care services to employees of the state under a health insurance plan established pursuant to this article."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.